

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

COMISION FEDERAL DE ELECTRICIDAD

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) DOCKET NO. 14-183-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO
IMPORT AND EXPORT NATURAL GAS
FROM AND TO MEXICO
AND VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3564

DECEMBER 11, 2014

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 4, 2014, Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for blanket authorization to import and export up to a combined total of 1,131 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from and to Mexico. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date the Order is signed. CFE is a Mexican utility with its principal place of business in Mexico City, Mexico.

Previously, on September 18, 2014, CFE was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 3493 (FE Docket No. 14-117-NG) to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico for a two-year term beginning on October 1, 2014, and extending through September 30, 2016. On November 4, 2014, however, CFE notified DOE that the authorized volume of 1.55 Bcf for two years was requested in error. As a result, CFE requests that DOE/FE Order No. 3493 be vacated, effective the date this Order is issued.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and/or export arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such imports and exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by CFE to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, a

¹/ The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. §717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04E issued on April 29, 2011.

nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. CFE is authorized to import up to 1,131 Bcf of natural gas from and to Mexico, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on December 11, 2014, and extending through December 10, 2016.

B. This natural gas may be exported at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the natural gas imports and exports authorized by this Order, CFE shall file with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports or exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) for imports, the country of origin; (2) for exports, the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of entry and exit; (4) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (5) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (6) the name of the supplier(s); (7) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s); and (9) for imports, the geographic market(s) served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2015, and should cover the reporting period from December 11, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Natural Gas Reports. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports (202) 586-6050.

F. CFE's blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Mexico, which was granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3493, issued on September 18, 2014, is hereby vacated upon issuance of this Order.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 11, 2014.



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